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Bible Thought for Today

May 6.
AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY:—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7.

A FINE TRIBUTE TO FIELDS.

Although neither has been nominated, every democratic aspirant for the gubernatorial nomination has jumped on John Fields viciously following his announcement that he would be a candidate for the republican nomination.

No greater tribute was ever paid a candidate than this. So long as a dangerous adversary from the opposing party was not in sight the democratic candidates contented themselves with cursing each other and the present state administration. Howard has been calling Owen and Wilson names, while Owen has been giving Robertson hall Columbia and Wilson has been expressing uncomplimentary sentiments about all of the others.

But with Fields in the fight all of these gentlemen put their backs together and began striking out in every direction against the new danger. They say Fields is a weak candidate, and they regret keenly that the republicans have been imposed upon; they aver that Fields was a candidate all the while, that he entered a conspiracy to defeat other good men—men who could have probably won, etc., etc.

Now isn't that too bad? It is. These gentlemen have been saving the state of Oklahoma for 15 years, charging liberally for their services. Hitherto they have wanted to extend salvation only through the democratic candidates, but now they have widened out their territory and seek to nominate the republican candidate.

We betray no confidence when we say that nobody connected with the Fields draft movement thought for a moment that Fields would be approved by these accessories, both before and after the fact, of bourgeois inefficiency, profligacy and positive graft. If Fields had received praise from such sources his best friends would have wondered if they had been misled.

WHAT SHALL WE SAY IT WITH?

"Say it with flowers," say those who have flowers to sell; and the conceit is a happy and appealing one. "Say it with love," say those who have the zeal of a new convert; and again the sentiment is touching and strikes a kindred chord in every breast. "Say it with dollars," chimes the mercenary who eats, thinks and sleeps in monetary terms; and the great practice round about us seems to justify such an injunction.

But after all, does it make any material difference what we say it with, if the act springs from the well of genuine charity and sincerity? Flowers? Yes; the message can be made to convey the depths of a genuine love or the sincerity of that friendship which alone brightens life. Love? To be sure; if that love be clean and noble and sincere. Dollars? Why not? There are occasions when only dollars are capable of expressing the purpose of the service needed. If you are to say it at all—if it be worth saying—then let it be said in spirit and in truth.

It makes no difference what the vehicle may be. Say it on paper, for instance. Probably no other form of saying it will give such lasting joy and satisfaction as a heart message, informal in all respects, written by your own hand to mother, sister, sweetheart, wife or just a friend—put on paper for her or his eyes alone. It is not the material nor yet the value of the thing itself, which counts but in the sum of human existence; not at all. It is the genuineness of the spirit behind it.

Remember the widow's mite.

THE CORNCOB PIPE.

Even in this day of tender sensibilities, deep prejudices and intolerable intolerance concerning many of those customs and habits that we as a people were wont to enjoy and take glory in; that, if they did not contribute to writing the most glorious page in human history at least did not prevent its being written, we hazard all danger to which the statement may expose us by paying a tribute to the president's corncob pipe.

It is written that the chief executive of the republic derives his greatest enjoyment and reaches his most important decisions under the soothing ministrations of an old corncob pipe.

We frankly confess that we think more of the president since learning that his elevation to power has not spurred him to abandon old friends and the honorable practices of the commonality of his country. We do not want to be understood as saying the corncob pipe brings fame to its devotees, nor as asserting that all geniuses pay homage to My Lady Nicotine. But we do feel privileged to point out that some of the world's noblest and most brilliant, in almost every line of achievement, have approached the lofty eminences of fame amid the tender and soothing effects of tobacco.

And, we think we are again on safe ground when we say that with few exceptions among such, the pipe has been a favorite either in the open or in secret. Cotton Mather gained glory as a preacher of the gospel. His learning re-

mains a tradition to spur young men on. Yet associated with his greatest achievements are personal recollections of his corncob pipe and its "vile smell."

Grant, the greatest of modern soldiers, acclaimed throughout the world, was only known as a smoker of black cigars. And we may well believe that in the privacy of his own room it was some favorite flimsy pipe to which the great general went for surcease and wisdom in his greatest moments.

The president in the White House, after the day's work is done, with his faithful corncob pipe between his teeth, mayhap with carpet slippers on his feet, seriously approaching some weighty decision, presents a picture that is soothing and serene and reassuring.

That kind of a man is safe. He may not be heroically brilliant, but he's safe, sane and sound.

REVEREND IRWIN QUITS.

The decision of Reverend Irwin of Lawton to resign his pastorate and retire completely from the communion of the Presbyterian church should cause a situation which was fast becoming tense and for long had been sensational in the extreme.

We merely want to seize on the occasion offered to point a moral. The destructive effects which have followed this pulpitier into politics should be a warning to all ministers. The minister has no business dabbling in politics in any manner. Because he can only do so by relinquishing a fraction of both opportunity and influence as a soul savor.

Reverend Irwin's troubles did not begin with that fulsome sermon of praise that he delivered over the lifeless clay of a politician of the worst type. His troubles began when he gave a character of morality and religious zeal to the man while he lived and still practiced his indefensible methods. No man, certainly no church organization, would have the temerity to question a clergyman for saying charitable things over the corpse of the worst of men. As a matter of fact it should be the practice of the clergy to give all possible benefit in such instances and to never indulge in pronouncing judgments.

It is when the minister of the gospel uses his office and his influence to give character to an intriguing, ambitious politician, that the damage is done. That kind of thing brings the minister much lower than the most despicable ward politician, and operates to make it much easier for the worst of men to gain public suffrage and further weaken the public service.

That minister who boasts loudly of exercising his political rights is usually a mighty poor Christian exemplar. That minister who refuses to participate in politics at all—even to vote; and there are some such; who confines himself to emulating the Master in all things, who instead of demanding the judgments of men upon the derelicts of humanity and the criminally inclined, puts himself at their side and seeks to confer the benefits of his religion and exercise the omnipotent reformatory power of his faith upon them, is the most influential of all ministers.

The writer does not want to become cynical, but he has observed over a long period of activity in public affairs, that that candidate who buttresses his appeal to the electors by the endorsement of a clergyman or other church factor, is always a man, were all the truth known, to be kept from authority at all costs. Never has he seen a preacher enter politics who did not further vitiate the public service and politics in general.

Keep church and state as distinct one from the other as the fathers intended, and you will have a better church and a better state. More than that, you will have a church which will wield a vaster influence for good upon the state than can ever be realized by a church that concerns itself in direct political machinations.

Let Reverend Irwin stand as an object lesson.

JUST A LITTLE HABIT.

It is perhaps too late to hope for the reform of William Jennings Bryan. He has so long arrogated to himself the authority to advise the American people and their elected officers that he probably now enumerates it among his constitutional privileges.

The Bryan letter to President Harding, advising the president that he should immediately dispatch an official representative to Genoa, would, coming from any other citizen, be deemed either impertinent or the vaporing of an irresponsible. Yet in the case of Bryan it is taken quite as a matter of course. The other day the scientists of the world were called to an accounting for setting up a theory concerning the genesis of man and his progress contrary to the theory set forth (thousands of years ago) by the political leaders of the Hebrew race.

Just Folks

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RIGHTS.

Bill was a fellow who knew his rights, and knew them from A to Z. He'd read the books and he'd read the law and a right-hand chap was he; He walked the streets with his head up high and he jotted his fellowman.

For Bill didn't know that his own right ceased where the other chap's right began.

"This is the land of the free," said Bill, as he strutted his way along.

"I've a right to live as I please and be the judge of what's right and wrong," And he laughed whenever his neighbors frowned, and little he seemed to care That he was the pest of the neighborhood and nobody liked him there.

Now Bill was whooping it up one night when a neighbor happened in And asked him in a friendly way to silence the dreadful din. "Some of us want to sleep," said he; "Pray, why should I stop?" said Bill; "I've a right to do as I please at home, and you may be sure I will."

The neighbor denied Bill's brassy cheek and flattened his stubborn nose.

And he said: "We've a right to a peaceful day and a right to a night's repose. And I'll teach you now," and he shot a blow to the left of his foolish chin.

"That your rights end at the very line where your neighbor's rights begin."

As a standpatter Bryan takes the medal! Tomorrow the good man will no doubt find it agreeable to his pleasure to either approve or disapprove something else.

We do not cavil. We do not criticize. We simply say that Bryan is hopelessly Bryan and let it go at that. We shall not have him with us a great while longer. And how we shall miss him. And, at the moment, his successor has not been appointed. We can only hope that ere he lies him down at last he will make provision for this. Cox don't fill the bill and Sam Gompers may go before!

Oklahoma Outbursts

By OTIS LORTON.

Kansas, it is understood, is turning its wheat fields into golf links.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows" has become obsolete since women got into the game.

Mrs. Richard Croker is one woman who seems to have made a profitable financial investment when she married.

It is usually the man who owns a set of hem-stitched pajamas who gets up late and takes the air through an open window.

We understand Wash Hudson has been indisposed to an alarming attack recently. A strong cup of sassafras might help.

Somehow or other we have always felt that we would just as soon take a chance with the Tulsa restaurants as a White House luncheon.

We have an idea that the reason the society girls went on a strike at the fashion review rehearsal was because the shop models had better forms.

Doctor Scott refuses to get out of the race for the time being. Perhaps he is waiting to see if the Fields enthusiasts lose their enthusiasm before sending in their checks.

There is also this funny thing about it which may call for more definite explanations: Doctor Cook says he thought nothing about being invited by strangers to take a ride, nor was he surprised when the car stopped by the roadside, "because," as he says, "frequently before I have been in motor cars that stopped alongside the road."

Barometer of Public Opinion

Mr. Setley Wants to Know.

Editor World: Mr. A. J. Kidd, the water and sewer commissioner just elected has started out in a funny way for one of the new elects by appointing Sam Patton sewer inspector over John Burton. Look back just a few short years and you will find that this man Patton was caught padding his pay roll \$1,000 and also used all kinds of city material for his own property that was paid for with city funds, and he was fired from office. Now the democrats say that we will have honest and efficient men in all departments and if this is a sample the writer would suggest that when Mr. Patton comes in the warehouse to get material to watch him close as he won't take off a back door or steal the floor.

Tulsa, May 4. BILL SETLEY.

Scrap. Editor World: "They are but scraps of paper." Of what I speak I am a speaker of the German government's statement in regard to her treaties with foreign powers at the beginning of the World War.

Surprised, asked, were the people of the civilized world at Germany speaking of her most sacred treaties in that manner.

According to the Osage allotment act of 1906, which was in fact a treaty between the United States government and the Osage people, the United States government agreed that the Osage people were citizens of Oklahoma and of the United States, that they would have all the rights, privileges and obligations of such citizenship. Also that the full income should be paid direct to the Osage to whom it was due four times per year.

Then comes a man named Snyder, a representative from the Osage states and scraps the Osage allotment act of 1906. How? By inducing congress to pass the Snyder bill of March 3, 1921. Said bill said to the Osage people, "The Allotment act of June, 1906, one of the most sacred treaties ever made is a great government, is but a scrap of paper."

How do the people of our great nation like this Germanic method of our government treating her obligations to the Osage people.

Fairfax, April 26. W. W. SHEDDER.

In Re the Governor. Editor World: It is holy writ that thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people, and I am not going to do so, but when a ruler or anyone else for that matter, puts himself on record in a public speech, then his utterances become public property.

A preacher once out calling among his flock, a farmer, a man who was with the family, he said, "I think I will go out and call with the hired man plowing in the field." Whereupon the old farmer said, "Do not talk to him about farming, he will see that you know nothing about it, and will conclude that you know nothing about anything else." When the governor made the statement that there was intoxicating brew in every home in Oklahoma, nine-tenths of the people know that he knows nothing about it, and will conclude that you know nothing about anything else. When the governor made the statement that there was intoxicating brew in every home in Oklahoma, nine-tenths of the people know that he knows nothing about it, and will conclude that you know nothing about anything else.

As to the charge the governor makes in regard to the increased population at Granite and McAlester, I fail to see where it fortifies his position. It simply shows that the enforcement of the laws have been diligent in nabbing up the violators of the Eighteenth amendment.

And congress slipped up on our blind side. Why did that venal, vile and venomous bunch, with cunning craftiness and base intrigue, lure and inveigle the innocent and unsuspecting members of the several legislatures into their snipe bag? Of the Oklahoma legislature, 43 senators voted for it, one being absent. Of the 194 house members, 98 voted for it, eight being absent. It was being absent in the 44th members of the Seventh state legislature of Oklahoma, only eight were awake and had both eyes open. And the next thing we are curious about is, who slipped on the blind side of congress? We remember that when Oklahoma came into statehood with constitutional prohibition with a majority of 18,000. In a short time it was heard on every hand that every body was drinking. It was admitted by the people again, and carried by 25,000. And that was before we had woman suffrage.

Sapulpa, May 4. M. F. INGRAHAM.

Too Important to Overlook. Republican leaders of the senate having decided to pass a bonus bill at this session, it is to be hoped that they will not forget, as the house did, to provide the means of paying it.—Chicago News.

He Needs Wet Towel for His Head. One of Mayor Hyland's appointees says that it will be Hyland for president in 1924, or revolution. Of the two evils, revolution probably would be far preferable.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Gone in for "Splendid Isolation." Former President Wilson seems determined to establish a reputation for sooner or later coming to lodge leads with his best friends.—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE CHANGING WORLD

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Girls used to be a refining influence in a boy's life—

Nowadays the young men are often led to a life of crime because of the high cost of entertaining girls.



The bandits and burglars of the past were hardened old criminals—

The bandits and burglars of today are boys of less than 25 years old.



In former days the criminal met swift and speedy punishment—

Today the courts are so congested that justice has a long fight to reach the criminal.

You Can't Get Something for Nothing

By NORA COLE SKINNER



Nora Cole Skinner. It keeps up a continual disturbance.

Men like awake nights figuring how to promote deals to make easy money, then lie awake more nights worrying over the outcome or the assurance that they have not within the law. With less worry and with even less work of any style, they could make an equal sum by a legitimate and productive route.

A clever thief was caught some time ago in California. He invented a trick trunk, had himself packed inside and sent by a confidential agent into a Hollywood storage company's vault where costly furs and jewels lay within reach. Ingenious as he was, with a willingness to confront an equal amount of hardship in some worthy direction, without a doubt he could have had a desirable income from some honest and interesting source. But that was not his way.

What they won't resort to hasn't been thought of. One couple was arrested for stealing baby carriages from outside moving picture houses, it being charged that they actually adopted a baby to use as a decoy for the mother to drop into the best looking car in front of the show, wheel it home, and there repainted the buggy and change its appearance so it could be sold.

They risk their life and their freedom, and they sell their honor and their peace of mind—all to get by without work. And then they fail. For their method is the hardest kind of labor.

We are dependent upon others for our food, our clothing, our shelter, for all our necessities, in fact, as well as our comforts and luxuries. We are dependent upon others for our very existence.

They in turn demand from us for these things their equivalent. The equivalent that we must give is in some form of service. In giving

What people think would make much more vivid reading than what they say.

Pot luck wins occasionally, but success usually comes from plain, hard work.

The reason an acorn does such a fine job is because it takes plenty of time to grow.

The esteem in which relatives are held depends a good deal on whether you can live off them or not.

The Higher Education appears to have had its effects on women's skirts anyhow.

Hez Heck Says:

"A movie actor is a feller who either kisses or kills for a livin'."

Finances Require Care. George S. Kinsman, retired agent at Julesburg, Col., used to tell a story about a certain judge who, in the old western days, operated a "cat-fish" bank in addition to his somewhat light legal duties.

One day a stranger presented a check and was asked for identification. He dug up a number of letters and telegrams, but was informed that they were insufficient.

"But," protested the man, "you have handed people here on less identification than this."

"I know," replied his honor, "but in money matters you got to be careful."

Little Benny's Note Book

By Lee Page



Society. Miss Maud Johnson bet Mr. Artie Alexander a cent that there was 5 1/2 in in onion, and when they looked it up in her father's dictionary she refused to pay, saying it is wicked to bet.

People always will refuse to give us anything except for value received, or for what they think is value received. Some try to give little for much, cheap goods for high prices, but they do not come out ahead in the end. Their sins find them out, and their trade goes next door.

This principle holds good in every phase of life. To be liked, we must like others, and we must do things for them. To succeed in our career we will require time and effort. To develop any talent or ability we will have to put forth the equivalent in work. If we have an ambition we must strive to accomplish it.

Nothing in this life is offered gratis. It is the ancient law. Some try to get something for nothing, some apparently succeed, but none actually do. They even pay three-fold.

Lost and Found. Lost—Valuable papers including 82 cigar cards and 47 cigar keepers. Good reward if returned to Lew Davis. Found—Nothing.

Airline Between India and London Proposed. LONDON—London within 54 hours of India will be a reality if a proposed new venture, to be

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The Horoscope

The stars incline but do not compel. Copyright, 1922, by The Chicago Tribune.

Saturday, May 6, 1922. Until late tonight sinister stars rule, according to astrology. Venus and Uranus are in malefic aspect during the business hours of the day, but later the sun has kindly power.

It is a rule read as most favorable to women and their aspirations of activities.

Love affairs should be avoided while this configuration presides for deception and disappointment will attend wooing.

There is a sign read as indicating that women of all ages will be inclined to foolish romance and dangerous sentiment.

The stars encourage initiative courtship on the part of women, but men who are wise will be wise while Venus and Uranus rule on the earth.

This is not a lucky wedding day, since the rule makes for false promises and inconstancy.

Marriage laws will be more discussed in the next few months and a sensational reformer will gain acceptance to radical views.

The first time today may meet with accidents that ruin their garments. Ancient lore placed great stress on the effect of this sort of planetary rule, which is believed to be unlucky.

The evening promises success, those who ask favors of the rich and powerful. Political office seekers may be fortunate after 4 o'clock.

The west should benefit from the planetary direction which seems to indicate a great movement of population toward the Pacific coast.

Uranus in sinister aspect in the horoscope of the Queen of England is threatening to health and peace of sudden anxiety, and anything you can do to cure him of betting will be a benefit to society.

The president of the United States should be especially careful to safeguard his person during the next few weeks.

Persons whose birthday it is should not make any changes in the coming year.

Children born on this day may be restless and careless, but brilliant. They will succeed as employees.

Lost a Dog and Won. A young but exceptionally brilliant professor in a western college was dismissed from the faculty because of his inordinate betting. The professor, interested in his career, secured him a position in an eastern college. To the president of the college he wrote: "The young man has a promising future, and anything you can do to cure him of betting will be a benefit to society."

The professor went east, and was cordially received. Conversation had preceded but a few moments when he said to the president, "I'll bet you \$25 dollars you have a wait between your shoulder blades."

The president hesitated. "Young man," he said, "I never bet, but just to teach you a lesson I will take 30 cents."